

May 4, 2007

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication; WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, May 4, 2007, Paul Garnett, Assistant Vice President, and Brian Josef, Director, CTIA – The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”), met with Nicholas Alexander, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate to discuss CTIA’s strong and consistent support for real and significant reform to the universal service fund. Throughout the course of this proceeding and others, CTIA has set forth a number of competitively- and technologically-neutral market-based proposals to curb fund growth and expand the contribution base – while ensuring that consumers have access to the wireless and broadband services they desire. In particular, CTIA has advocated: (1) Further disaggregation and targeting of support within each study area at least to the wire center level, to ensure that support is available only in the areas where it is truly needed; (2) The use of competitively-neutral reverse auctions to establish market-based support levels in high-cost service areas; (3) The expanded use of forward-looking costs rather than embedded costs, particularly for larger rural incumbent LECs, to determine efficient support levels and reduce the size of the fund; and (4) A shift to a numbers- and capacity-based contribution mechanism to preserve or expand the contribution base as communications migrate to alternative networks not contemplated by the current revenues-based regime. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Garnett

Paul Garnett

cc: Nicholas Alexander